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FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2869

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

VAMEMBASSY KINSHASA 603

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

CINCLANT NORFOLK VA

USS PAUL

USS MULLINIX

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0696

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITREP AUG 7-8

ADDIS FOR RSS; CINCEUR FOR POLAD; CINCLANT FOR POLAD; NAIROBI
FOR RCO; PRETORIA FOR RSO

REF: LUANDA 685

1. ACCORDING COMPOSITE OF PRESS COVERAGE AND OTHER ACCOUNTS,
NIGHT AUG 7-8 SAW HEAVIER FIGHTING IN CITY'S MUCEQUES THAN
PREVIOUS NIGHT. (WE PERSONALLY SAW AND HEARD LESS THAN PREVIOUS
NIGHT BUT THAT ACCOUNTABLE FOR FACT WE APPARENTLY MISSED
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HOT SPOTS.)

2. CASUALTIES: SEMI-OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL FOR 24 HOURS ENDING NOON AUG 8 WAS FIVE, TWO BLACKS, TWO WHITES, ONE MESTICO. INJURED, 16 BLACKS, THREE WHITES. ACTUAL CASUALTIES PROBABLY TWICE TO THREE TIMES ABOVE FIGURES.

3. PROPERTY DAMAGE: 36 STORES AND DWELLINGS BURNED.

4. CHANGING NATURE OF VIOLENCE: MORE CARS ARE BEING BURNED IN AND AROUND MUCEQUES. AFTERNOON AUG 7 A STORE WAS SACKED ON THE EDGE OF A MUCEQUE, APPARENTLY FIRST DAYLIGHT ACTION THIS TYPE. CARS ARE STARTING TO BE STONED WELL AWAY FROM MUCEQUES AND DURING DAYTIME.

5. ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF VIOLENCE, UNTIL NOW SURPRISINGLY MINOR, ARE BEGINNING BE FELT. MABOR TIRE FACTORY (GENERAL TIRE OF US A PARTNER) CLOSED AUG 8 DUE LOSS WORK FORCE. ALTHOUGH HOARDING HAS BEGUN IN EARNEST, SERIOUS SHORTAGES HAVE NOT YET OCCURRED. (MPLA FLYERS ARE ADVISING ADHERENTS EAT ONLY MANIOC, OTHER NATIVE FOODS IN ORDER AVOID BUYING FROM WHITE MERCHANTS.) FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION RELIEVED SOMEWHAT BY FACT BLACKS AND WHITES LEAVING CITY IN INCREASING NUMBERS.

6. COUNTRYSIDE REMAINS TOTALLY CALM ACCORDING ALL REPORTS. SOME INDICATIONS PROBLEMS DEVELOPING IN INTERIOR CITIES MALANGE AND LOBITO. HOWEVER NO REPORTS ACUTAL VIOLENCE OUTSIDE LUANDA.
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